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PNG Day: May 11

St. Louis Gets Ready For CSNS, May 12-14

St. Louis has it from A to Z — interests and attractions for all persons of all ages! Come Spring of 1978, four of the most important letters in that alphabetical gamut will be CSNS, for that's when the Missouri Numismatic Society will host the Central States Numismatic Society, 39th Anniversary Convention. The event will be held at the hospitable Chase-Park Plaza Hotel from May 12-14, 1978, preceded by PNG Day Thursday, May 11th. It will be co-chaired by the veteran conventioneer team of Mrs. John S. (Bernice) Stevenson and David L. Cooper, General Chairman and Assistant General Chairman, respectively — a reversal of their roles for the St. Louis 1970 ANA and 1971 CSNS conventions.

Featured will be a 175 Bourse representative of wide-spread geographical areas. Booths will be 7' x 9' priced at $200, regretfully an increase from the 1977 CSNS convention necessitated by substantial cost increases reflecting newly-imposed restrictive trade laws, and increased minimum wage scales effective January 1, 1978. This, however, should not be a deterrent to would-be participants who well know the St. Louis potential numismatic convention advantages.

Bourse applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Table locations will be determined by a drawing at the Tuesday, February 28, 1978 meeting of the Host Club which will convene promptly at

(See **Convention,** page 6)

ABOUT THE COVER

A beaming likeness of the late Hubert H. Humphrey appears on the 19-inch plaster model which will be used to strike fine art medals and distributed to donors to a new school in the former Vice President's name. The portrait, donated by Medallic Art Company of Danbury, Conn., was on view at a gala dinner in Humphrey's honor, December 2 in Washington. The monogram to the right of the portrait is that of the artist, Robert A. Weinman.

PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTARY

We have completed a most successful interim meeting in Indianapolis in conjunction with the Indiana State coin convention.

On behalf of your Board of Governors and Officers, I want to thank the President of the Indiana group, Donald R. Hudson, as well as his officers, for the fine hospitality extended to us. Mr. Hudson personally saw to it that your Central States personnel had transportation to and from the airport, as well as meeting rooms, etc.

Charles Hileman has resigned as General Chairman of the St. Louis CSNS convention, and Mrs. John Stevenson has been approved as the new show chairman. Mrs. Stevenson, affectionately known as "Bink," is a stickler of details, and all members and dealers can rest assured that everything possible will be done to make this show successful.

Her first move was the appointment of David L. Cooper as her assistant. Dave is a past President of CSNS. He has been general chairman of our shows in the past and also general chairman of previous ANA shows. Together with "Bink," who, incidently, is also the general chairman of an upcoming ANA show, this pair is dedicated to make our 1978 convention outstanding.

We learned that inflation is also hitting the conventions. The costs of convention centers for bourse space, tables, chairs, lights, etc. are skyrocketing in certain areas and that we must, through necessity, increase bourse fees to meet these obligations.

Harold H. Berk

We, in turn, ask our members to support these dealers.

It appeared for a while that the Dearborn Coin Club was about to turn down the Central States convention for 1979. Through the good graces of our own Governor Don Squire, all problems have been resolved and the Dearborn Coin Club will definitely host the '79 affair.

During further board business of the interim meeting, the Indiana State Numismatic Society was awarded the 1981 CSNS convention.

In this issue of The Centinel, you will find a list of nominees along with their biographies. Give these people a welcome hand and offer your support

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

You will notice this issue of The Centinel contains the biographies of part of the people who will be on your ballot this Spring. Unfortunately, we don't have, at press time, a complete listing. These people have consented to run for these positions because of their dedication to the hobby. Please give them careful consideration.

Marjorie M. Owen

You will be receiving your ballot in February for the up-coming election. Please vote and return them to me promptly in the envelope that will be provided. A reminder: There are to be 13 Governors elected, with not more than two from any one state.

Again, I ask you, please notify me of changes in your address. Every day, for weeks after a Centinel mailing, I must pick up returned Centinels. As of this writing, I have paid out over $26, from the last mailing! This is a gross waste of YOUR money! This is the only way, other than with your help, that I can correct your address. Perhaps we will have to eliminate mailing to those whose Centinels are returned to me, at least the

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FUTURE CSNS CONVENTIONS

May 12-14, 1978 ..... **Chase-Park Plaza Hotel** ..... **St. Louis, Missouri**
Chairman: Mrs. John S. (Bernice) Stevenson, 19 Roclare Lane, St. Louis, Missouri 63131

April 25-29, 1979 ..... **Dearborn, Michigan**

Dates to be announced, 1980 ..... **Lincoln, Nebraska**
Chairman: Allen L. Schrock, P. O. Box 1212, D.T.S., Omaha, Nebraska 68101.

Dates to be announced, 1981 ..... **Indianapolis, Indiana**

NOTE TO CLUB OFFICIALS: Interested in hosting a future CSNS conventions? It's not too early to begin thinking of the future! Submit your letter of invitation to the CSNS Secretary-Treasurer at your earliest convenience. Your request will receive the prompt attention of the Officers and Board of Governors.

second issue.

The Board held a very productive meeting in Indianapolis in November, and met some very charming Hoosiers. It is with intention that we plan these interim meetings in the various states . . . it makes for good fellowship and helps to promote your organization.

Mrs. Stevenson, who is in charge of this year's convention in St. Louis, met with us in Indiana, and you may be assured that the plans are in good hands.

My apologies to those applicants who have not, as yet, received their membership cards. If you made application in Milwaukee, and are just now receiving your card, we will extend your membership to April 30 of 1979. We feel this is no more than fair, considering how long you have had to wait. Hopefully, this situation will not occur again.

Dues notices are now being mailed this year. It would save a good deal of postage if you would check your card; if you are in arrears, kindly drop me a check. Those who are in arrears for over a year will be dropped from the membership list. Our dues are only $3 per year, and, if you are interested in the organization, that is quite a bargain!

— MARJORIE M. OWEN
Secretary

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

New Member Applications
Since Summer-Fall, 1977, Issue of THE CENTINEL

2936-J	Christopher Holt	Ellsworth, Maine
2937	Leonard M. Owen	Omaha, Nebraska
2938	Charles Bonaligo	Boardman, Ohio
2939	Donald J. Meyer	Boardman, Ohio
2941	Donald R. Hudson	Indianapolis, Indiana

(Note: The above five membership applicants were inadvertently omitted from the listing of applicants in the last issue of The Centinel.

2942	Jim Coad	Albuquerque, New Mexico
2943	William H. Pheatt	Southfield, Michigan
2944	Raymond Ryan	Chelsea, Iowa
2945	Mrs. John (Bernice) Stevenson	St. Louis, Missouri
2946	A. L. Baber	El Cajon, California
2947	Thomas Monty Lewis	Oak Park, Illinois
2948	Howard Linville	Indianapolis, Indiana
2949-J	Lyle Linville	Indianapolis, Indiana
2950	Virginia B. Hudson	Indianapolis, Indiana
2951	Helen B. Rhodes	Indianapolis, Indiana
2952	Frank J. Russell	Indianapolis, Indiana
2953	Earl Smitley	Marshall, Illinois
2954	Max L. Keller	Indianapolis, Indiana
2955	Sandra Mitchell	Marshall, Illinois
2956	Dale L. Williams	Dayton, Ohio

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2961	John E. Sinelli	Dearborn Height, Michigan
2962	James R. Peck	Grand Forks, North Dakota
2963	Tom Fitzpatrick	Minot, North Dakota
2964	Richard H. Mazzei	New York, New York
2965	Jim Tomkins	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
2966	Paul R. Whitnah	Hoffman Estates, Illinois

LIFE MEMBERSHIP — Converted from Regular Membership

LM 180	Donald E. Brigandi	New York, New York
LM 181	Paul D. Lyons	Burlington, Iowa

Convention —

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8 PM at the Farm & Home Savings and Loan Association Building, 7801 Forsyth Blvd., Clayton, Missouri. All participating dealers are cordially invited to be present. Bourse participation requires current convention-time CSNS membership by at least one member of the firm.

Other convention aspects will include an Educational Forum, competitive and non-competitive exhibits, a Hospitality Room for official convention badge holders, a Ladies' Luncheon, and an auction by Kagin's Numismatic Auctions, Inc. Specifics on all counts will be released at a later date.

Information regarding bourse, preregistration, and exhibits may be obtained by contact to the following-named chairmen: BOURSE: Robert B. Knowles, 11662 Summerhaven, Creve Coeur, Missouri 63141; PREREGISTRATION (after February 1, 1978): Ronald Horstman, P. O. Box 6013, St. Louis, Mo. 63139; EXHIBITS-COMPEITIVE AND NON-COMPETITIVE (after February 1, 1978): Joseph B. Vacca, M.D., 1489 Minmar Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63122.

Conventioneers are encouraged to make early reservations at the host hotel which is offering special convention rates. Hotel rate cards may be obtained upon request to Mrs. Stevenson at 19 Roclare Lane, St. Louis, Missouri 63131, (314) 434-2870. Any requests directly to the hotel must be associated specifically with the convention to obtain the special rates.

So, fellow numismatists, make your plans now to attend one of the year's most prestigious numismatic events in historic St. Louis, which even now is busily engaged in an ambitious face-lifting venture that will appeal to even the most discriminating conventioneer. See you in May!

Presidental Commentary —

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to those elected who, without compensation, work diligently and spend many hours of their time to make Central States Numismatic Society the great organization that it is.

Congratulations are in order for Gov. Kurt Krueger who was elected to serve on the board of the American Numismatic Association.

— HAROLD H. BERK
President

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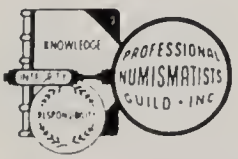

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Marjorie M. Owen ..... Adel, Iowa

FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS

(Thirteen to be elected with no state being represented by more than two Governors.)

John H. Cain ..... Missouri
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Donald R. Hudson ..... Indiana
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Don Squire ..... Michigan
Michael A. Tramte ..... Wisconsin

(PLEASE NOTE: The above list represents only those candidates who, at press time, have indicated their willingness to serve if elected. The names of other individuals may appear on your ballot, their nomination acceptances having been received too late for inclusion in this issue.)

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BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES

FOR PRESIDENT — A. P. (Del) Bertschy — Wisconsin. A Life Member of CSNS for 26 years, and Past President and Honorary Life Member of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, Bertschy holds memberships in the ANA, Numismatists of Wisconsin, and a charter membership in the Society of Paper Money Collectors. With many years of experience as general chairman of MNS annual conventions, he has served on CSNS convention committees in 1941 and 1962, and as CSNS convention general chairman in 1954, 1972 and 1977. In 1975 he was called on to serve as general chairman for the Wisconsin state (NOW) convention. Bertschy, further, has served CSNS for many years as Governor, Second Vice President, and currently as First Vice President.

In 1972 he was presented the Society's Medal of Merit, and in 1975 he was named "Numismatic Ambassador" by Numismatic News Weekly. He has participated in National Coin Week activities for years.

FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT — Ralph D. Hardman, Jr. — Kansas. After serving eight consecutive years on the CSNS Board of Governors, Hardman is now completing his first term as Second Vice President. Life Memberships in CSNS, ANA and Heart of America Numismatic Association (HANA). Active in all Kansas City organizations, and has served continuously as Bourse or Exhibit Chairman for the past 16 HANA shows. Served as HANA President, 1964 CSNS convention exhibit chairman, and 1975 Bourse Chairman for the Kansas City convention of CSNS. Awarded the 1975 CSNS Medal of Merit.

FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT — Kurt R. Krueger — Wisconsin. ANA Outstanding Young Numismatist of the Year, Gordon Greene Exhibit (first place) Junior Award, and Junior Merit Award in 1971, the most honored junior member at any national convention. YN Representative for Wisconsin 1972-. YN Committee, 1973-. NCW silver medal recipient, 1974. 1975 YN Scholarship chairman. ANA Oustanding Adult Advisor Award, 1975. ANA 100 Club for recruiting 100 new members, 1976. Conducted YN Grading Program in New York, and also in Atlanta. ANA Regional Rep, 1976. Correspondence course instructor, appointed editor of forth-coming Intermediate Correspondence Course. Member Central States board since 1973. 1977 Central States Program and Events chairman. The Numismatists of Wisconsin Merit Award, 1971. NOW secretary 1973-74, governor 1974-, News editor 1974-76, president 1976-. Formed Wisconsin Young Numismatists, 1972, and responsible for annual ANA Seminar Scholarships. Past president Milwaukee Numismatic Society, Cooney Numismatists and Fox Valley Coin Cub. Has edited two local club journals; served on innumerable committees. A prolific writer, byline has appeared in The Numismatist, Numismatic News, Coins Magazine, The Young Numismatist, The Centinel, NOW News, TAMS Journal, Coin Monthly of London and numerous local papers and hobby journals. Founded the Wisconsin Numismatic Writers Association and the Numismatic Editors and Writers Society, (NEWS). Served as a contributing editor for Standard Catalog of World Coins, 1977 edition. Twice named winner of CSNS' Elston G. Bradfield literary award, 1975 and 1977. Frequent guest speaker for TV, radio, school, civic, fraternal and numismatic programs. Professional numismatologist operating his own business with his wife, Kathleen. Only 26, a man of great innovation within the structure of the hobby and business.

FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER — Marjorie M. Owen — Iowa. Life Member of CSNS and Iowa Numismatic Association (INA), and member of various central Iowa coin clubs. Has been involved with the hobby for more than 20 years and has served in various chair positions for conventions. Currently serving as Editor of The Iowa Bulletin, and is a Director of the Iowa state group. One of the midwest's leading exhibitors, having won all major honors in Iowa, as well as first place at the recent CSNS convention in Kansas City, along with the Lewis M. Reagan Memorial Award for Best of Show. Awarded the CSNS Medal of Merit in 1977. Currently serving as Secretary-Treasurer of CSNS, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Mid-Iowa Coin-a-Rama.

FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

John H. Cain — Missouri. Life Member of CSNS, Heart of America Numismatic Society, and ANA. Presently serving his third term on CSNS Board of Governors having been appointed to the position by President David L. Cooper and subsequently re-elected. Appointed to the 1968 U. S. Assay Commission by President L. B. Johnson. Past President of HANA. Past Secretary of HANA for five years. Co-chairman for 1959 and 1975 CSNS conventions held in Kansas City, as well as for numerous locally sponsored shows. An ANA Club Representative, Cain is presently in the restaurant business and serves as vice president of the Kansas City Chapter of the Missouri Restaurant Association. Many other civic activities account for his spare time.

Robert E. Douglas — Iowa. Currently serving as President of the Cedar Rapids Coin Club and as advertising manager for the Iowa Numismatic Association's periodical, The Iowa Bulletin, Douglas is the manager of MBM Coins of Cedar Rapids. He cites his strongest interests as the education of the public and junior collectors through the medium of numismatic exhibiting.

Leon Hendrickson — Indiana. Life Member of CSNS and Indiana State Numismatic Association. Member of Penn-Ohio Coin Club and the ANA. President of the Winchester Coin Club and member of many area clubs. Has been active in numismatics for over thirty years. Has been a dealer for quite some time. Presently completing his first term as a Governor of CSNS.

Donald R. Hudson — Indiana. A numismatist for approximately 10 years, Hudson presently serves as ANA District Representative. Past President and present Board Member of Capitol City Coin Club. Presently serving his third term as President of the Indianapolis Coin Club, and Editor of the Indiana State News. Past First Vice President of Indiana State Numismatic Association. A specialist in U. S. coinage (with special interest in silver dollars), Hudson is a student of counterfeit and altered coins and frequent speaker on this phase of our hobby.

Jack D. Huggins, Sr. — Illinois. A practicing Certified Public Accountant since 1948. Collector of coins for the past 40 years. Member of ANA; Life Member of CSNS and Ill. N. A. Active exhibitor who has traveled to many parts of the U. S. with his winning displays. President of Ill. N. A., 1973-75. Presently Chairman of Board of Directors of Ill. N. A. Appointed ANA Regional Representative, one of five in the U. S. Ill. N. A. exhibit chairman, 1973-75; currently educational chairman. Has served CSNS as exhibits judge, as well as ANA exhibits judge, 1973-77. Has authored numismatic articles for The Centinel, the Coin Digest, and the Missouri Numismatic Society Quarterly. Presently completing his first term on the CSNS Board of Governors.

F. A. (Tom) Jones — Michigan. Member of ANA Committee on Coin Processing (whizzing) 1972-75, Exhibit and Exhibit Awards 1971-73. Director of ANA

Exhibit Judges Familiarization and Certification Program at conventions 1973-75. Chief Exhibit Judge at 1975 convention in Los Angeles. ANA Club Representative 10 years, Outstanding Club Representative Award, 1972. President Michigan State Numismatic Society, 1970-74, and Dearborn Coin Club, 1969. Current member of board of governors of Central States Numismatic Society and Penn-Ohio Coin Clubs. Charter member of The Token and Medal Society (TAMS) and Society of Paper Money Collectors (SPMC). Member of more than twenty numismatic organizations, honorary life member of twelve. Judged exhibits extensively on local, state, and regional levels from coast to coast, and acted as chief judge for several state organizations. Has taken part in and also conducted exhibit and exhibit judging symposiums for a number of state societies. General chairman of seven MSNS state conventions. Aided in organizing several coin clubs, speaker at numerous coin clubs, schools, and civic organizations, plus TV and radio appearances. Occupation: sales consultant to the stamp and coin supply industry.

Miss Orlane D. Kittle — Minnesota. Full time coin dealer for the past 20 years. Holds memberships in ANA, CSNS, MOON, NOW and area clubs including the Winona (Minn.) Coin Club of which she is a Charter Member, Past President and Past Vice President. Has served the Winona club as show chairman for more than a dozen times since 1959. Served several terms as member of the Board of Governors of MOON; presently as Vice President. Appointed to the CSNS Board of Governors in 1973; now competing another full term.

Michael Kolman — Ohio. Life Member of CSNS, ANA and the Penn-Ohio Coin Club, as well as member of other local and area coin clubs. An active, full time coin dealer since 1960, Kolman is a past Board Member of the Penn-Ohio organization, a member of CSNS since 1953 and is currently completing his first term on the CSNS Board of Governors.

Thomas E. Kunzinger — Michigan. Presently Editor of The Mich-Matist, journal of the Michigan State Numismatic Society. Immediate Past MSNS Second Vice President. Member of the ANA, CSNS, CNA, ONA, OIN, and local coin clubs. Past President and Treasurer of Northwest Detroit Coin Club. Member of the 1972 U. S. Assay Commission; originated fund raising program in May, 1977, to maintain the Commission. ANA exhibit judge; worked on initial ANA Judges' Certification Program. Best of Show exhibit winner at two MSNS state conventions; exhibitor of CSNS, ANA, OIN and other conventions. Frequent club speaker on exhibiting. An assistant with MSNS Young Numismatist programs. Author of articles for The Numismatist, The Mich-Matist, World Coins Magazine and other publications.

Ray O. Lefman — Missouri. Appointed to the 1964 U. S. Assay Commission, Lefman is a Life Member of CSNS, ANA, and Life Member No. 1 of the Heart of America Numismatic Association. He has served CSNS continuously for the past eighteen years either as President or as a member of the Board of Governors. In 1963 he was awarded the CSNS Medal of Merit. A graduate of Missouri State Teachers College, Lefman teaches in the Kansas City school system. The chairman of numerous numismatic conventions, he most recently headed the successful 1975 CSNS convention held in Kansas City. The

senior member of the CSNS Board of Governors, Lefman holds the distinction of being the chairman of the CSNS Medal of Merit committee.

Robert F. Lemke — Wisconsin. A collector of more than 20 years standing, Lemke has been active in organized numismatics since 1974 when he joined the editorial staff of Krause Publications. A frequent speaker and exhibit judge, he has served in those capacities for local, state and regional coin clubs and conventions. He is the holder of the ANA Educational Award and the Numismatists of Wisconsin (NOW) Distinguished Service Award. Member of the ANA, CSNS, NOW, TAMS, SPMC, IBNS, as well as the Numismatic Literary Guild and Numismatic Editors and Writers Society. Serves Krause Publications in the capacity of Editor of Coins Magazine.

Donald W. Mark — Iowa. Member of ANA, CSNS, INA, NOW, and Society of Paper Money Collectors, as well as taking an active interest in several area numismatic organizations. Appointed to the CSNS Board of Governors in 1976 to fill the unexpired term of Lowell Owen. Presently the Second Vice President of the INA, he was the general show chairman of his state organization's recent annual convention. Employed as floor manager of a Des Moines supermarket, Mark attended Iowa State University. His collecting interests cover much of the numismatic spectrum with emphasis on Iowa bank notes and related items dealing with Iowa's involvement in banking.

Timothy I. Marcy — North Dakota. Life Member of ANA and CSNS. Member CNA, South Dakota Coin & Stamp Association, Numismatic Association of North Dakota (for which he is Secretary-Treasurer), and Central Dakota Coin Club (for which he is the Immediate Past President and currently serves as member of the Board of Directors). Served as ANA District Representative and Young Numismatists Representative for the State of North Dakota. Numismatic lecturer on radio, for clubs and other organizations, Marcy has authored various numismatic articles and is presently at work on a book, North Dakota Numismatics. A long time collector and exhibitor, he is now completing his third term as a member of the CSNS Board of Governors.

Leonard M. Owen — Nebraska. Member of ANA, CSNS, SPMC, and the Omaha Coin Club of which he is a past president. A member of the Board of Directors of the Byron Reed Historical Society, Inc., Owen is also a member of the Cataloging Committee of the Byron Reed Collection. The author of various articles on Nebraska Obsolete Currency, Territorial Warrants, Trans-Mississippi Exposition, and Nebraska Territorial History, more recently he authored the obsolete currency section of a soon to be published book on Nebraska Obsolete and National Currency. A former coin shop owner, he has been involved with the collecting of coins and currency for more than 35 years, and has served the Omaha Coin Club as bourse chairman for many years.

Daniel C. Parker — Michigan. A Charter Member and Past President of the Michigan State Numismatic Society. Parker is also a Past President of CSNS

and has ten years of experience on the CSNS Board of Governors. General chairman for CSNS conventions in Detroit in 1968 and 1974; committee member in 1957 and 1960. A frequent exhibitor at local, state and regional shows, he is an accredited ANA exhibits judge and has judged at ANA conventions for the past three years. An honorary life member of 13 local and regional clubs. For his numismatic writings, he now holds four consecutive MSNS literary awards, as well as the CSNS Elston G. Bradfield literary award in 1971. In 1976 Parker was awarded the CSNS Medal of Merit.

Peter W. Phillips — Wisconsin. A collector for more than 25 years, ever since childhood, Phillips is a specialist in U. S., Mexican and Canadian type material. Life Member of ANA and 12 year member of the Madison (Wis.) Coin Club for which he has served four terms as President and 10 years on the Board of Governors. He is presently working with the Madison club to update its by-laws. A frequent exhibitor, he has served both his local club and his state organization repeatedly as exhibit chairman. His exhibits have netted various awards for him, including the Allen V. B. Clark award for the advancement of numismatics among junior collectors. He is frequently called on to address school and civic organizations. Phillips has strongly supported National Coin Week with exhibits at local banks. He is a ten year member of CSNS.

Allen L. Schrock — Nebraska. Specializing in Scandinavian coinage, Schrock recently authored an article, "Token Coinage of Charles XIII," published in **Coins Magazine,** and serves as a contributor for the Krause-Mishler **Standard Catalog of World Coins.** An active exhibitor at various state numismatic conventions (as well as at CSNS and ANA conventions), he has served the Omaha Coin Club as President and as Secretary, and currently is First Vice President of the Nebraska Numismatic Association and General Show Chairman for the 1974 State convention. Schrock heads his own mail-order coin company doing business in the U. S. and nineteen foreign countries. He holds membership in the ANA, CSNS, OIN and Numismatics International.

Don Squire — Michigan. A Life Member of ANA, Squire holds memberships in the Michigan State Numismatic Society and numerous other state and local organizations. He is the founder and Charter President of the Dearborn Coin Club, and is owner of the Crown Coin Company.

Michael A. Tramte — Wisconsin. Life Member of ANA. Member of CSNS, American Numismatic Society, Milwaukee Numismatic Society, Society of Paper Money Collectors, Early American Coppers, Inc., and Numismatists of Wisconsin. Past President and Vice President of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society. Current Librarian of MNS, having held the position since 1974. General chairman of MNS annual coin shows, 1975-77. Editor of the Milwaukee Numismatic News, 1976-77. Bourse chairman for the 1977 CSNS convention. Exhibit chairman for the 1972 CSNS convention, for two NOW shows and for four MNS conventions. Exhibit judge for local shows.

SPOTLIGHT

Humphrey Medal Unvailed At Washington Ceremony

While more than 2,000 well-wishers gathered to pay tribute to Hubert Horatio Humphrey at a $1,000-a-plate dinner in the nation's capital December 2nd, a new bas-relief portrait, intended to be struck into fine art medals, was on display during the entire gala evening.

The well-wishers, who contributed $7 million toward a $20 million fund-raising in Humphrey's honor, included such luminaries as President Carter, the Vice President, members of the Cabinet and Congress, dignitaries from every state, and a multitude of notables from the field of entertainment.

The 19-inch portrait, showing a beaming former Vice President, was donated by Medallic Art Company of Danbury, which will strike the medals. The portrait was created by Robert A. Weinman, prominent sculptor and past president of the National Sculpture Society. It displayed Humphrey as "the happy warrior" at the height of his public career.

"Tonight I feel like the wealthiest man in the world," said the recipient of so much adulation as ceremonies came to an end.

The multimillion dollar drive was launched by the University of Minnesota to establish the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. The Institute, an expansion of the University's present school of public affairs, will specialize in subjects close to the former statesman, such as social sciences and political philosophy.

The University of Minnesota is Senator Humphrey's alma mater; he had taught there as a Professor of Social Science as well.

The medals will be issued in two forms, high-relief fine art medals, and a low-relief, coin-like medal. Both models were prepared by sculptor Weinman and show a portrait of the former Vice President facing left.

The medals will be bestowed upon donors who contribute from $25 to nearly $100,000. A galvano plaque of the art medal by artist Weinman will be awarded, along with small bronze busts to larger donors.

A larger than life size bust of Humphrey is being prepared by sculptor Weinman, the original of which, in bronze, will be located at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. The United States Congress is considering placing a marble reproduction of this bust in the Capitol.

The medals will be distributed to donors in the following varieties:

- $24 to $99: a silver-dollar size coin-relief bronze medal in an imprinted

plastic stand.

- $100 to $999: a 2¾-inch bronze medal in antique finish with a bronze easel stand.
- $1,000 to $9,999: a 2¾-inch art medal silver plated bronze in a velvet covered display stand.
- $10,000 to $24,999: a 2¾-inch art medal silver plated bronze in a Lucite wedge mounted on a walnut stand with individual nameplate.
- $25,000 to $99,999: same as above, except medal of 24 karat gold on bronze.
- $100,000 to $999,999: 10-inch galvano plaque cast of bas-relief sculpture mounted on walnut board with nameplate.
- $1 million and above: 9-inch bronze cast bust statue of the Senator.

Donations may be made to the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, P. O. Box HHH, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440. Checks may be made out to "Humphrey Institute." The donation is tax deductible.

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Two New Books Available To Collectors From ANA

Numismatists who want to improve their knowledge of their collections, or of what they may be thinking of collecting, will find two important new books ready for them by or soon after the holidays. Although being produced independently, the OFFICIAL ANA GRADING STANDARDS FOR UNITED STATES COINS and the new ANA LIBRARY CATALOG are coming off the presses almost simultaneously. Both books have been a long time in preparation in the attempt to make them as error-free and useful as possible.

The grading book is the result of a cooperative effort of the American Numismatic Association and the Whitman Coin Products division of the Western Publishing Company, Racine, Wis. Basically, the text for the book was compiled by ANA members, strictly as labors of love, while preparation of the illustrations and actual production of the book were carried out by Western. It will be distributed, as are other Whitman products, through coin dealers, hobby stores and book shops, the retail price being $5.95.

While many numismatists contributed in varying ways and degrees to the final work, principal credit is due to Abe Kosoff, one of the hobby's most knowledgable and respected professionals; Ken Bressett, manager of Whitman Coin Products and an authority on American coins; and Q. David Bowers, president of the Professional Numismatists Guild and a well known numismatic writer. Two members of the ANA board checked final copy and made some accepted recommendations for changes.

From the outset four years ago, "Our goal was to standardize grading by defining significant degrees of wear and establishing guidelines so that the various grades may be easily identified. Now there is an easy-to-use and officially approved set of standards which everyone can apply to the grading of United States coins. Now the confusion in grading caused by multiple systems and biased private opinions should be eliminated." So states Abe Kosoff in the book's preface.

In describing conditions of types of coins from half cents to double eagles, more than 1300 illustrations of obverses and reverses are used. This is the meat of the 352-page book, but the enlightening introduction, a glossary of terms used and a brief "how-to-use" summary should be helpful in applying the Official ANA Grading System.

Pick up your copy of this work at your coin, book or hobby shop; it will not be available from Whitman or the ANA. Whitman has received orders for nearly the entire first printing so it should be in stores promptly.

But that's only one book, important as it is. Many ANA members, and probably a few nonmembers, have waited impatiently for the revised and updated library catalog to appear. It will be ready for distribution by January 1, and orders are being accepted now.

The first known American Numismatic Association "Library List" separate from **The Numismatist** was published in early 1938 with 367 entries on its 17 5" x 7" pages. Thirty-five years later, when the first true catalog was issued, its 350 pages had some 3000 entries, an increase of about 75 titles per year. But the 1978 second edition catalog contains some 5000 entries, representing an increase of 4000 per year, on its 810 pages.

This 1978 catalog goes beyond a mere listing of the books, pamphlets, periodicals and catalogs in the world's largest circulating numismatic library. The various items are divided into five classes or sections: Coins and Coin Collecting, Exonumia (tokens, medals, orders and decorations, odd and curious), Paper Money and Banking, Periodicals, and Auction Catalogs. Books are included in two indexes: one by subject, the other by author.

Even those who have the 1972 catalog will surely want the new one because of the many new listings and the more complete descriptions of both old and new publications. In addition to its use in identifying publications in the ANA library, it can serve excellently as a bibliography on numismatics.

The ANA governors decided to charge approximately the basic cost of production of this new catalog. Prices are $4.95 for the first copy to an ANA member and $25 for each additional copy. Any copy to a nonmember is $25 postpaid. Being too thick for convenient use in a ring binder, it is soft bond, the size of THE NUMISMATIST (6" x 9") but about 1½" thick.

Everyone who buys a catalog will be indebted to the anonymous member who contributed substantially toward the cost of this project. At this member's suggestion, the catalog has been dedicated to the memory of the late Aaron R. Feldman, ANA 14033, whose slogan "Buy the Book Before the Coin" is familiar to many collectors.

Those who wish to own this fine research catalog should remove the envelope inserted in the December issue of THE NUMISMATIST, fill it out completely as indicated and mail it with the required remittance payable to A. N. A. For purposes of record keeping, the librarian prefers orders on this form and will supply additional ones if requested. Write and send orders to: ANA Librarian, P. O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

Due to shipping procedures and delivery time of special class mail, 6 to 8 weeks must be allowed for receipt of the catalogs.

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Stevens Point, Wis., Gets Own Coin Shop

The Second Street Flea Market is the name of a new coin, stamp and antique shop opened in Steven's Point, Wis., by Bruce W. Smith.

Smith will take local antiques on consignment. He also plans to operate coin, stamp and antique bill boards.

While antique shops abound in the area, Smith points to a total absence of stamp shops "in all of central Wisconsin," and to the existence of only two coin shops in this same area. He plans to fill this void, offering a nice selection of U.S. and world coins, and the largest stock of stamps in Western Wisconsin.

The shop will be open daily — except Tuesday and Wednesday — from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

Nominations Solicited For "Great Lady of ANA Award"

During its meeting in Atlanta last August, the American Numismatic Association board of governors authorized the establishment of the Faye Rochette Memorial Fund to be used to perpetuate the memory of the recently deceased wife of ANA executive vice president Edward C. Rochette. Administration of the fund is in the hands of a committee composed of William C. Henderson, Chm., Fredric Mantei, Jr., and Edward C. Rochette.

The form of this memorial is to be a "Great Lady of ANA Award," to be presented to the recipient at the banquet of the Association's annual convention. ANA members may submit nominations for the award prior to March 15 of the year in which the award is made. Nominations should be sent to: Faye Rochette Memorial Committee, P. O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901.

In the words of the committee: "Anyone nominated for this award must be a member of the ANA but shall not be an officer of it. Consideration shall be given to the nominee who best exemplifies the many traits and characteristics of the one whom this award honors: sincerity, friendliness, compassion, frankness, dedication, enthusiasm and the possession of an ebullient and high-spirited personality."

"The selection of the recipient for this award shall be vested solely with the Faye Rochette Memorial Award committee, and the selection shall be made from the list of nominations submitted."

Since announcement was made during the Atlanta convention of the establishment of this fund, it has grown to an amount sufficient to ensure that the award will be funded for several years. However, friends of the late Faye Rochette are invited to add to the fund by sending contributions to: The Faye Rochette Memorial Fund at ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs.

Should the fund grow enough to permit, an appropriate exhibit of Colorado memorabilia may be placed in one of the headquarters museums as a further memorial.

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Coins 'Inflation Beaters,' Reports News Magazine

Coins were listed as one of the "best ways to beat inflation" in the Nov. 21 issue of U.S. News and World Report.

The special report is based upon the agreement among financial experts that "inflation is going to continue as an unrelenting fact of life for as far ahead as anyone can see."

Common stocks, bonds, and mutual funds have not supplied adequate protection against inflation; nor do savings accounts pay enough interest to keep up with it, the special report notes.

Rarities as well as bullion gold coins are recommended for investment. Cited are recent prices paid for an 1804 dollar and a 1913 Liberty Head nickel. World coins and ancient coins are not overlooked either.

As to the "drawbacks" attendant to coin collecting, reference was made to "special insurance," and the need of a bank vault, "which adds to the cost of maintaining a collection."

U.S. News and World Report also notes that "coins should not be confused with commemorative medals, medallions or ingots often issued by private Mints in 'limited editions' as collectors' items. These specially issued pieces are not legal tender, and there is practically no resale market for them, dealers say."

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Coins with mismatched obverse and reverse designs are referred to as hybrid coins, or "mules."

PNCover Guide Book Projected By Riemer

Plans to publish a PNCover guide book have been announced by Brooklyn, N. Y., PNCover producer Robert S. Riemer.

The book will contain several chapters for the beginner, as well as the advanced collector, Riemer said, with a main section in which all known PNCs will be listed.

Listings will show the date of postmark, place of cancellation, producer's name, numis (coin, medal, etc.) and stamp used, issuer's number, quantity released, cover theme and issue price.

Riemer requests the cooperation of all PNC producers in this project. He asks that they send a list of their covers, including all of the information listed above, as soon as possible. Communications should be addressed to Robert S. Riemer, Box 33, Midwood Station, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11230.

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Dual Price Lists Offered By New Medal Dealers

The new medal firm of Johnson & Jensen of Danbury, Connecticut, recently issued their first price lists — two in fact.

One is a general price list of 12 pages which offers commemorative, historical and fine art medals in 39 categories. The fall listing at fixed prices includes over 400 different items. The price list is free and will be sent to anyone who requests it.

The second price list is a specialized report which not only lists for sale a specialized series — in this case the Circle of Friends of the Medallion — but also includes articles about the series of 12 medals, gives an estimate of the number struck, and illustrates each of the medals issued in the series which ran from 1909 to 1915. The four-page report is the first of what is planned to be a continuing series of publications on specialized topics of interest to the advanced or specialized medal collector. The price of this finely printed report is $2.

The firm, formed earlier this year with the merger of D. Wayne Johnson and Chris E. Jensen, both with long experience in medals and medal dealing, will specialize in the medallic aspect of numismatics. They welcome collectors registering their medal collecting specialties and offer a subscription service to receive all their price lists and publications for a deposit of $10.

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Million Dollar Error Doesn't Sway Sailor

A U.S. Navy recruiting specialist who heads recruitment in 10 Western states got the idea his wife wanted him to make a tour of those states First Class, when he opened a letter from his Sisterville, W. Va., home recently.

Ed Brenneman had asked for a modest $60 so he would have some extra spending money while traveling. The letter from home which caught up with him in Seattle, Wash., contained a moneyorder for $1 million PLUS $60.

Brenneman experienced a perfectly human reaction to the million-dollar windfall. "I looked at it. I laid it down under my hat for a few minutes. Then I looked at it again to see if it was really made out for a million dollars," he said.

The recruiter returned the check to the First-Tyler Bank & Trust Co. in his small hometown of 1,900 people, where teller Naomi Grimm owned up to strikng a wrong key when typing the dollar amount.

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U.S. copper-nickel cents dated from 1857-1864, and sometimes the 1943 zinc coated steel cents, are referred to as white cents.

Durst Markets Hessler Book

Sanford J. Durst, numismatic book publisher and distributor, has announced his appointment as exclusive distributor for The Comprehensive Catalog of U. S. Paper Money, second edition, by Gene Hessler.

Hessler's book has been completely revised and updated and is considered a definitive work on U.S. paper money, Durst said. It includes over 1800 types of U.S. notes, among them many unissued designs, and has over 700 illustrations.

The Comprehensive Catalog of U.S. Paper Money is available for $25 postpaid from Sanford J. Durst, 133 East 58th St., New York, N. Y. 10022.

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Simple Interest At Its Simplest

One of our New York friends tells about the wealthy Manhattan landowner who went into Chase Manhattan to borrow $500 and offered the keys to his Cadillac as collateral. Thirty days later he was back to pay off the loan and pick up his keys. Bankers gathered around and pleaded with him to explain why such a millionaire would borrow a measly $500. "Don't be silly," he said. "I was going to Israel for 30 days, and where else in New York could I park my car for $4.87?"

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'Kopper Keeper' For Copper, Silver Coins

"Kopper Keeper" is the name of a coin-cleaning liquid available from Wiseman Coin Co., P. O. Box 6, Austin, Minn. 55912.

Though the name suggests the substance is intended for copper coins, Daniel D. Wiseman, co-manager of the firm, said that it also works on silver coins.

The cleaner, the firm says, removes only dirt or residue from coins. It does not affect vertigre, stains or any tarnish.

The important point, Wiseman said, is that Kopper Keeper does not change the metal's color. Its use, he adds, seems to enhance lustre and bring out detail on coins.

Further information is available from Wiseman Coin Co. The cost is $2.48, postpaid.

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Note Copying Catches On Among Students

A Barco, N. C., graphic arts teacher who duplicated a dollar bill on a copying machine to get his students interested in printing started a small counterfeit storm.

The black and white notes soon sprouted around Currituck County High School, according to a press account. Eight of them were successfully fed into an automatic self-service gas station machine.

Sheriff Norman Newbern put out a call for students to turn in all of their fakes, receiving $70 from 37 students.

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Collector Does It: Finds 1909-S VDB

A collector in Green Bay, Wis., has reported finding a 1909-S VDB cent in Extremely Fine condition, in his pocket change.

The collector, who wishes to remain anonymous, said he has been collecting coins for 10 years, and has found a few good coins in rolls purchased from the bank in the past.

He said he had no idea where he acquired the coin, but simply found it when he was checking his change. The coin is the second 1909-S VDB cent in his collection; six years ago, he paid $125 for the other one, which was not in as good condition as his find.

"Miracles do happen!" the Wisconsin collector said.

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Brink's Truck Dumps Money

A Brink's truck overturned on ice-slicked Interstate 94 Dec. 3 and split open, spilling millions of dollars of currency and coin into the snow near Russell, Ill.

A second Brink's truck was rushed to the scene in order to pick up the money, being transferred from several banks in Milwaukee to " a number of Chicago banks," a Brink's spokesman said.

Four persons were injured in the crash, although not seriously.

VW Rabbit's Price Payable In Silver

A Volkswagen dealer in Independence, Mo., appeared to be offering the best deal anywhere when he featured the popular 1978 Rabbit with a price tag of only $1,373!

Dealer Elvin Silverman's advertising of this deal moved six Rabbits out of his showroom. Why not 60? There was one little hitch: The price had to be paid in dimes, quarters and half dollars minted before 1965, with a 90 percent silver content.

Rabbits were bought by two local

CALENDAR OF STATE CONVENTIONS

Officials of state numismatic organizations within the 13-state Central States area are invited to submit information relative to their annual conventions for listing in The Centinel's "Calendar of State Conventions." Convention information should be sent to the Editor as soon as dates have been confirmed to allow for timely publication.

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KENTUCKY

October 14-15 ....**Louisville**

Kentucky State Numismatic Association annual convention, Stouffer's Inn, Louisville.

Chairman: James W. LaFever, Jr., 3805 Foreman Lane, Louisville, Ky. 40219.

MICHIGAN

June 17-18 ..... **Kalamazoo**

Michigan State Numismatic Society's 22nd Annual Spring Convention & Coin Show, Hilton Inn - Kalamazoo Center, 100 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. Co-hosted by Kalamazoo Numismatic Club and Holland Coin Club.

General co-chairmen: William G. Shields and Robert L. Kole. Exhibits: Anthony N. Alfano and John F. Kleis. Bourse: Charles A. Fenwick, 1126 Reycraft Drive, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001, and Philip Chilcote, 2602-B Riverview Drive, Apt. 8, North Muskegon, Mich. 49445.

Club address: Holland Coin Club, P. O. Box 909, Holland, Mich. 49423.

WISCONSIN

May 6-7 ..... **Eau Claire**

Numismatists of Wisconsin (NOW) 18th annual convention, Civic Center, Eau Claire.

Chairman: Jerome Tillung, 817 Morningside Drive, Eau Claire, Wis. 54701.

banks for $1,373, Silverman said, and by four other customers who had enough silver set aside to take advantage of the offer.

The dealer was depending on being paid three times face value of the coins by scrap dealers — and it's more than mere coincidence that three times $1,373 amounts to $4,119, the sticker value of the new Rabbit.

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Just 81 Cents, But Worth $1,000

The face value of the coins taken in the burglary of the Nick-Hel coin shop in Lincoln, Nebr., was only 81 cents. Owner Nickolas Sharp, however, calculates a $1,000 loss as the result of the burglary.

Two quarters, six nickels and a cent were missing. He valued one of the nickels at $350; the cent at $150, and one of the quarters at $140.

Glug, Glug, Glug Went $5 In Coins

A Haltown, Mo., service station attendant reported to state highway patrol officers that a man ate the coins he received in change.

According to the attendant "He handed me a $5 bill and asked for four quarters, three nickels and 10 pennies."

"Then he walked over to the water fountain and proceeded to eat each and every one of the coins I had handed him. He evidently had some trouble getting them down because he gulped pretty heavily with every drink of water and coin he swallowed."

The Missouri officers were unable to locate anyone fitting the man's description.

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Four royal pairs appear on coins of their country, including (left) Wilhelm II of Wuerttemberg and his wife, Charlotte, on a three-mark silver coin of 1911, and Constantine and Anne-Marie on a 30-drachma silver coin of Greece, 1964.

Valentines in Metal

Marriage: An Enduring Coin Theme

— by Gerda Birkholz

February, and winter is far from finished.

However, a bright light day is celebated on the 14th of the month. This is the day for lovers, a day of tradition with a long history, and a chance to recall coins and medals commemorating the occasion. While the first Valentine was a note from the saint who gave his name for this day, it was also the time of a pagan Lover's Festival.

Valentine's Day is one exception when the unsentimental may (and should) become sentimental; husband and wife look upon one another with tenderness that may not be so openly expressed other times.

While a romantic time associated with lovers, such love in our society has come to be culminated in a monogamous marriage, and love for the children from the marriage.

The public declaration of intention for a woman to "leave her father and mother and cleave to her husband" is followed in the Judeo-Christian world, the Moslem and Soviet lands, in China and throughout the world, even in primitive societies.

Whether slave or free; king or commoner; rich or poor; the marriage ceremony is solemnized either before a religious person or in a judicial clerk's office.

In some lands, a dowry, from the man to the woman or the woman to the man, is part of the ceremony.

The ceremony may be culminated in a simple joining of the hands; the token of the ring; the "I do;" the formal statement in a church "I take

Margrethe and Henrik (left) appear on a silver 10-kroner coin dated 1967 from Denmark, and Friedrich II of Anhalt and Mary on a silver three-mark piece, 1914. (Photos by James Simek, RARCOA, Chicago. Reprinted courtesy of Coin World.

thee to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part;" or a simple statement in court, "I take thee to be my wife."

The dowry, in the case of royalty, may be precious jewels or whole nations. Wars have ceased between nations when representatives of the two nations married.

For many of us, our chosen Valentines eventually become our partners in marriage and we find that marriage is the most commemorated occasion in numismatics. Kings and princes experienced no great problems in issuing coins or medals in almost any medium for a wedding, or an anniversary. The everyday citizen today also has found this a convenient and concrete evidence of continuing love.

From our personal collection we have chosen to show you several pieces from Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Greece, Great Britain and a private piece we were privileged to receive from friends.

There are other coins to be found in the pages of history, including a silver medal, also struck in gold and copper, by Nicholas I of Russia for his son Alexander on the occasion of his marriage to Maria of Hesse on April 16, 1841. The marriage of King Zog of Albania to Countess Geraldine Appony on April 27, 1938, was marked by striking two gold coins. They were similar to the circulating gold coins, but with the commemorative inscription.

The silver wedding anniversary of Franz Joseph of Austria and Elizabeth of Austria-Hungary has accolated busts on the obverse and the reverse design is a seated female figure, symbolic of love and marriage, on a two-florin silver coin used merely for presentations.

One and two-gulden silver coins were also struck earlier, in 1854, to mark the marriage of Franz Joseph and Elizabeth, with a scene on the reverse of the coin showng a bishop performing the marriage ceremony, with the royal couple kneeling.

The marriage ended tragically when Elizabeth was assassinated by an Italian anarchist in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1898.

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A silver two-kroner coin of Denmark marked the silver wedding anniversary of King Christian X and Queen Alexandrine; they were married April 26, 1898. The coin is dated 1923.

The silver wedding anniversary of Frederik IX and Queen Ingrid was observed on May 24, 1960, in Denmark, marked by a silver five-kroner coin showing their conjoined busts on the obverse and the date on the reverse.

Silver two and five-mark coins of Mechlenburg-Schwerin, Germany, 1904, commemorated the wedding of Friedrich Franz IV to Alexandra von Cumberland. There were 100,000 of the two-mark pieces struck; 40,000 of the five-mark coin.

Two cupids and two love birds appear on a silver love medal. On the side with the cupids, the German legend reads "Love and (your) soul will suffice for you;" it continues on the reverse, "Love triumphs when faithful."

Empire struck wedding commemoratives, usually in three and five-mark silver coins. There are, however, also crown-size medals in Proof which are included here.

A silver medal marking the silver wedding of Wilhelm II of Prussia and Augusta Victoria was struck in Germany in 1906. She was August Victoria of Schleswig - Holstein - Sonderburg - Augustenburg. She died in 1921. In 1922 he married Princess Hermine of Schoenaich-Carolath.

From Anhalt, three and five-mark silver coins dated 1914 marked the July 2 silver wedding of Friedrich II and Marie von Baden. Mintage of the three-mark coin was 200,000; of the five-mark, 30,000.

The Danish royal house has furnished princesses to the royal houses of Europe for centuries. The tradition

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was continued in 1964 when Anne-Marie married Constantine of Greece. She was portrayed on the reverse of a five-kroner silver coin.

Her sister, Princess Benedikte, married Prince Richard of Sayn-Wittgenstein-Berleburg of Germany in 1968, recalled on a 10-kroner silver coin of that year.

In 1967, Danish Princess Margrethe married Count Henrik de Monpezat, a French diplomat. There were 500,000 struck of the .800 fine coin, which measures 36 millimeters.

Elizabeth II of Great Britain had various silver wedding coins and medals struck in her honor in 1972. The Isle of Man issued a 25-pence coin in copper nickel and silver, with an observe of the Queen's bust and conjoined shields on the reverse

Guernsey also issued a 25-pence coin in copper nickel and silver, showing a cupid with Elizabeth and Philip. The reverse of the coin shows the arms of Guernsey.

Gibralter followed suit with a copper and silver coin, with the bust of the Queen and the reversed showed conjoined coats of arms.

Also marking the silver wedding was a .925 fine silver coin of Bermuda.

The latest acquisition of the Birkholz collection is a copper cent-size token marking the wedding of a member of the Chicago Coin Club on Oct. 30, 1976.

The silver wedding anniversary of Elizabeth II and Philip of the United Kingdom was observed in 1972 by Bermuda with this coin.

The silver wedding of Wilhelm II of Prussia and Augusta Victoria was marked by a silver medal struck in Germany in 1906.

Danish sisters who married in the 1960's include Anne-Marie, shown above on a 1964 five-kroner silver coin of Denmark, and Benedikte, on a silver 10-kroner silver coin, 1968.

Recently one of England's famous medal designers gave his wife a love token medal in gold depicting her sign of the zodiac, which she wears as a lavelier. The medal precipitated a collection of 12 silver pieces in a presentation case which are in my collection.

There is a projected silver 50-kronor coin of Sweden to mark the 1976 wedding of the king, Carl XVI Gustav and Silvia. Numerous medals have been struck already to mark this event.

Among my "charms" are a coin of Hannover, Germany, a silver two/third-taler struck between 1760 and 1830 with my name, "Gerda," engraved on the reverse, as on love tokens; also, a Swedish 50-ore coin engraved on the reverse with a heart in which the name Gerda appears and the date 23/3/1890 (March 23, 1890).

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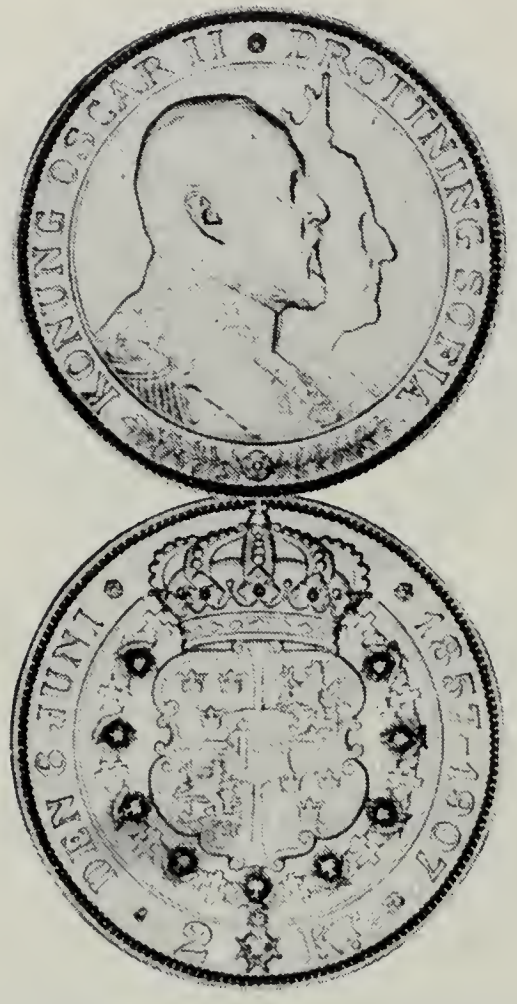

King Oscar and Queen Sophia of Sweden marked their golden wedding anniversary by striking a silver two-kroner with the date 6 June 1857-1907.

On May 26, 1892, Christian IX and Louise of Denmark observed their golden wedding anniversary with release of a two-kroner silver coin.

A silver anniversary medal for each married couple would be a cherished remembrance.

The marriage and anniversary coins illustrated are from my collection, and are not intended to be a complete

The wedding of Princess Victoria Louise, only daughter of Kaiser Wilhelm II, to Ernst August, Duke of Braunschweig, on May 24, 1913, was marked by a silver Proof medal.

catalog on the subject.

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Gerda H. Birkholz has collected coins, tokens and medals pertaining to marriage and wedding anniversarys for more than a decade. Other interests include porcelain coins and medals of Germany.

She served on the 1975 Assay Commission and is a member of the Old Time Assay Commission Society. She is a member of the ANA, CSNS, and in 1973 she served as president of the Aurora (Ill.) Coin Club.

She currently serves as president of the Chicago Coin Club. For the two clubs where she has been president, she was the first woman to serve in that capacity and has received "Most Valuable Member" medals from each.)

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NUMISMATIC NOTES!

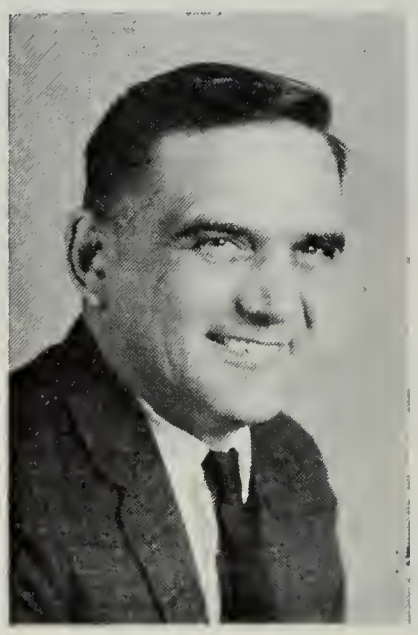
— by Clement F. Bailey

Normally we do not mention error coins or paper money in any of our works for one simple reason. Most of them can not be attained by the average collector through pocket change.

Coins are bagged and sealed at the various mints and then shipped to the Federal Reserve Banks and their branch banks. They are then shipped to associated FR Banks for distribution to the public and other commercial banks.

Coins are not rolled by the Mint, but in the banking system. When Mint sealed bags are opened, it is by those in the banking system. If they happen to have collector friends or excellent customers that collect, it certainly reduces the chances of any error pieces getting into public domain.

There are several types of errors that are impossible to find in bank rolls due to the size of the error coin. Some types would be the collar errors or the off center strikes which are oversize coins. Those coins do not fit into a paper roll designed to hold coins which means they have to be taken from the Mint bags at the first bank



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EXPANSION CAUSES REDUCTION

The byline of Clement F. Bailey won't appear many times in 1978 except over his Q & A (question and answer) columns in the numismatic press.

The Centinel received word that Bailey is starting to restrict his extraneous activities to devote more time to his reader information service which is currently used by several publications.

In 1977 the addition of automatic equipment for word processing has expanded the scope of his service to such a point that his previous individual columns became expendable.

Plans are being made to add word processing computer storage to increase the capacity of his reader service for commercial publications.

Bailey is starting his eighth year in his own business and credits collectors of all ages for being inquisitive enough to build his unique, one man, numismatic service.

that rolls the coins.

There are errors that are not caught when the Mint bags are unsealed. Those would be the double die or similar error pieces that would not be casually picked up by visual sorting of the coins.

Off metal errors would probably be spotted when opening a sealed bag from the Mint. They would be obvious due to size or off color of the material.

Mint error coins do not circulate through the normal channels of commerce due to their nature. Unless you have an "in" at some source of sorting, you will have to buy most of your mint errors from someone that does have an "in."

It is doubtful if anyone can ever forget the old saw, "It's not what you know but who you know," which also applies to the collection of mint errors.

A number of mint errors can be duplicated or fabricated after coins reach circulation. Excellent workers with the proper equipment can reproduce almost any type of mint error, as any one that has worked in a machine shop or industrial model shop will testify.

As with any coins, "it is wise to know your dealer" and doubly so in the mint error field."

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MORE NUMISMATIC NOTES !

Cinderella and the Secretary of the Treasury, W. Michael Blumenthal, have one thing in common. Each had a deadline for some important happenstance.

Cinderella turned into a pumpkin, while Blumenthal loses the right to change our cents from coppers or bronze to some other material.

On October 11, 1974, the Secretary of the Treasury was granted the authority to change the cent or penny composition to any such other "metallic composition as he shall determine . . ." with restrictions.

It first had to be determined that the use of copper for the one cent coin was not practiable. When that decision was made the Secretary had to notify the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs of the Senate. In each case he had to wait sixty calendar days of continuous session of Congress, according to Public Law 93-441.

All Cinderella had to do was wait 'till the clock struck twelve.

The clock struck twelve for Blumenthal on December 31, 1977, when the authority allowed by PL 93-441 ran out.

What the whole thing boils down to is the fact that the idea of substitution of material for the cent was really an expeditious act to enable the Treasury to handle a possible problem with copper.

The problem never went completely out of hand and the use of the new

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NUMISMATIC 'SIDEROADS' SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY BEGINNERS

— by Kurt R. Krueger

All too often we hear there is nothing left for a beginning collector to collect. While it is true a certain amount of fascination has been lost in the past decade and a half to non-precious metals, we would like to point out that assembling a set of current coins in top condition is no easy chore.

Have you ever attempted to gather really select examples of clad dimes, quarters and halves by date? If not, and if you like a real challenge, hold on! The very nature of the composition of our current circulating clad coinage does not lend itself well to striking. Compound this with the fact that current quotas call for the cranking out of these metal discs in gigantic quantities, it is no wonder that nice specimens are generally tough to locate.

In a talk at the recent Numismatists of Wisconsin Convention, Ken Bressett, Manager of the Coin Products Division of Western Publishing Co. touched on this very subject. Ken's informative talk brought many collecting avenues to mind.

It might be interesting to note, before we attempt to add interest to your collecting ventures, that collectors before us were often confronted with a similar problem, deciding what to collect.

Do you realize that at one time barely 40 years ago U.S. Trade dollars were selling below face value!

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That's right, you could obtain as many Trade dollars as you wanted for 85¢ to 90¢ each. And, only a dozen years ago, one could get as many new silver dollars as he could carry directly from his local bank. All too often, however, folks tend to forget that the common material of today could very well be scarce in the market of tomorrow.

In this time, when we have only a slight chance of obtaining valuable

items from circulation, we often lose sight of our original goal. Unfortunately, the fraternity has suffered because of this. If we might just look about, we would discover that along with the assembling of sets of modern coins, many interesting collecting avenues await the collector who cannot afford "big-ticket" items.

Let us, for example, point out a very interesting approach Ken Bressett brought out in his talk; Why not collect credit cards? They certainly are a form of money, and from many indications, might one day serve as the major medium of exchange.

Checks for Trade?

Swapping personal checks is an excellent way to build an interesting collection. You might, for example, collect checks from the capitals of all 50 states. Or, perhaps, collect checks from towns and cities with Indian names, or with compound names, etc. Or perhaps you might like to collect checks drawn on peculiarly named banks. The possibilities here are endless.

What about the vaccine and permit tags hanging around Fido's neck? Do you realize that dog tags have been in use for more than a century and many old tags currently reside in the neighbor's tool box?

How about assembling a collection of food stamp tokens and/or scrip? Did you realize that many food markets have their own tokens to give as change when it is necessary for this federally-run program?

Personal tokens of collectors are also very interesting and fun to collect. Usually, a collector will be happy to swap his tokens for yours. Many other things come to mind, such as parking tokens, bar chips, transit tokens and the like.

We have attempted to whet your interest a bit. While we certainly do not expect to start huge runs on certain items, we feel that if, by chance, we have saved one person from leaving the hobby for the lack of something to collect within reason, then this time at the desk was well spent.

Want to get into currency collecting? Why not collect dollar notes with the various signature combinations from the twelve Federal Reserve Districts. This project can be completed from circulation.

Next time you are talking to a collector friend who has "it in for the hobby," why not impress him and run down the list of possibilities which were mentioned here, and then, add your own ideas, as we are certain many wheels are turning out there, collecting new ideas on what to collect!

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NEW ZEALAND'S PROOF COINAGE LITTLE KNOWN

— by Andrew P. Oberbillig

The history of New Zealand's Proof coinage is little known outside this Pacific nation. As a long-time student of this country's coins and medals, this writer has unearthed the facts about several scarce issues.

In 1937, a five-piece Proof set containing the new coins of King George VI was prepared, including the silver three and sixpence, shilling, florin and half crown. Struck by Britain's Royal Mint, a total of 200 sets were listed in the Mint report covering this year.

Despite this official total, only three or four complete 1937 Proof sets were known to be in numismatic collections at the time Dr. Curtis Paxman bought his set in 1965, the first such set known outside official collections or museum custory.

Another George VI rarity is the Proof crown struck as part of the commemorative issue of 1949, struck in anticipation of the planned Royal Visit. However, illness made it necessary to cancel the visit.

The crowns were released, however, and the Uncirculated coins are desirable today. Much more so, if one should ever appear on the market, were the Proof 1949 crowns, of which 25 were reported struck. Their whereabouts today is not known with absolute certainty.

Among the coins of the present queen are three Proofs of 1961, unlisted in standard references, but struck at the Royal Mint for the British Museum or other official purpose. The sixpence, shilling and florin of this year in Proof are known to this writer. Such coins are seldom available to private collectors.

Decidedly, more collectibe, yet scarce and much sought by interested numismatists are the seven-piece Proof sets of 1971. Struck, as usual, by the Royal Mint, these sets contained the new decimal coins, from the bronze cent through the cupronickel dollar.

Issued in presentation cases, a total of 5,000 sets are reported struck. Although certainly a larger total than the tiny numbers of the earlier Proofs described here, 5,000 is still a small number in the bustling world of today's numismatics, and the 1971 set is worthy of watching in the future.

Numismatics has made steady progress in the last decade in New Zealand, under the aegis of the Royal Numismatic Society of New Zealand, P.O. Box 2023, in Wellington. The coins and medals of the islands, and more recently the paper money, have begun to attract the interest that their variety really deserves.

This ongoing growth has made possible New Zealand's first three-day convention, held March 10-12 in Christchurch, South Island. All of the dominion's coin dealers were expected to be on hand, as well as a number of professionals from Australia as well. The show was a landmark in the progress of New Zealand numismatics.

WHAT OUR CLUBS HAVE TO SAY

Gold Wins 'Best' At Kentucky State

Exhibit awards highlighted the Oct. 22-23 Kentucky State Numismatic Association convention at Stouffer's Inn in Louisville.

Winning both Best of Show and first place in Class III was Sammy Whipple with his proof gold coins of the British Commonwealth. Second place in the foreign class was presented to Karen LaFever.

In U.S. Coins, Dr. George Sullivan placed first with Dorman Whitley second, Jim LaFever Jr. third and Mary Anne Jewell fourth.

Class II first place was won by Edwin Richt and second place taken by Rich Marzian. First place in Class IV was awarded to Joyce Parrish with second going to Mary Anne Jewell, Jane Blunk third and Jim LeFever fourth.

Junior competition placed Lee Jewell in first, followed by Tim Swenson in second, Donita Blunk in third and Ann LaFever received a special award for being the youngest exhibitor at five years of age.

A special appreciation award was presented to Edna Annan for her efforts in support of KSNA.

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New Club Started In Chicago Suburbs

Collectors are invited to become charter members of the Oak Forest Coin Club at the Oct. 5, inaugural meeting at the Oak Forest Community Center, 15601 Central Ave. Others can contact Howard W. Ribbentrop, 14849 S. Park Ave., Oak Forest, Ill. 60452.

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Racine to Host Spring Coin Show

The 40th anniversary of the Racine Numismatic Society will be celebrated at the group's annual coin show, slated for April 8-9, 1978.

Scheduled for the Racine Motor Inn, 6th and Main Sts., admission is free and 30 or more dealers are expected to attend.

Local collectors will mount approximately 40 exhibits displaying all facets of U.S. and foreign coins and currency. A banquet and education program are planned, including an International Bank Note Society meeting.

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Jack D. Huggins, Sr., a veteran figure on the convention exhibit trail, captured the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Educational Foundation award at the Missouri Numismatic Society convention.

Show attendance was reported at 1,700 people, a decline of 1,700 from the previous year, according to a club spokesman.

First-place winners in the various exhibit categories included Dr. John Tilton, Huggins, Milton H. Bartels, Brian M. Huggins, and Paul Leistritiz.

Second place winners included Joy Leistritz, Kenneth Ray, David W. Huggins, Bink Stevenson and Dolly Piff.

Receiving third-place awards were Marvin Burnette, Violet Burnette, Jim LaFever Jr., and Orville Munzer.

Dolly Piff, with a Flying Eagle cent exhibit, was awarded the Al Wieck Educational Award donated by Ron Horstman.

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Sen. Snyder, Schook Guests At East Detroit Coin Club

Michigan state Sen. Joseph M. Snyder and Florence Schook, a newly elected American Numismatic Association governor, were special guests at the recent East Detroit Coin Club fall show.

Club President Lucian Chojecki was assisted by Mrs. Schook in the presentation of the resolution commending the club passed by the Michigan Legislature.

Sen. Snyder, who introduced the resolution in the Michigan Senate, presented a special framed copy to Chojecki and life member Ralph Schwartz. Schwartz constructed the press on which the club had struck eight medals over the past four years.

Club members in attendance at the show received copies of the resolution autographed by Snyder.

Among the non-competitive exhibits on hand were those of Phil Delia, Lillian Dupee, Vern Dupee, Donna Marz, Jerry Parsons, Marilyn Schwartz and Dorothy Wamser.

The club also struck a medal during the show marking its 19th anniversary, maintaining a seven-year tradition. The medals are not available.

Mike Mizak served as general chairperson, with Chojecki in charge of the bourse, Delia exhibits. Also assisting were Lillian Dupee, Vern Dupee, Stella Sleeper, Dorothy Wamser, Ralph Schwartz, Alice Schwartz, David Schwartz, Marilyn Schwartz, Esther Zabowski, John Kary, John Felong, Mark Zabowski, Dan Zabowski, Jane Bishop and Joyn Zabowski. Jerry Parsons was photographer.

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Calumet Numismatic Club Elects 1978 Officers

The 438th meeting of the Calumet Numismatic Club of East Chicago, Indiana, included the election of new club officers to serve during 1978. Elected were Stanley Kruswicki, president; Charles Wolf, first vice president; Paul Urcan, second vice president; Edith Janes, treasurer; and Anne Pridala and Ann Gronek, co-secretaries.

Along with the election of officers, the club hosted a Christmas party at which it helped celebrate Clyde Hand's 76th birthday.

The new mailing address for the Calumet club is: 4202 Carey St., East Chicago, Indiana 46312.

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Half cents, Large cents, Flying Eagle cents, two cents, three cents (nickel), and Shield nickels were all coined at Philadelphia, and thus have no Mint mark.

Holland, Mich., Club Announces Show Winners

Prize winning exhibits highlighted the Oct. 1 Holland Coin Club Show in Holland, Mich.

In the senior category, P. H. Frans' "Odd and Curious Types of Money" placed first. Roberta Peirce's "Odd Fellow Lodge Badges" came in second and Gerald Finck's "United States Fractional Currency" took third.

In the junior category, Jeff Kraker's "J. F. Kennedy Half Dollars" placed first, Larry Wagenaar's "Examples of Roman Leadership" took second and Michelle Mathews' "United States Nickel Five Cent Pieces" came in third.

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Union City Club Hosts Annual Show

More than 300 interested visitors attended the annual show of the Union City Coin Club, held at the 4-H building in Winchester, Ind.

Thirteen coin dealers participated in the event, under the direction of bourse chairman William Piercey. Charles Kress handled the chores of general chairman, and George Abel was in charge of the non-competitive exhibits.

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Illinois Show Termed 'Great Success'

The recent Champaign-Urbana, Ill., coin show was termed a "great success" by coin club member Larry R. Camp of Urbana.

More than 30 dealers were present in the bourse, offering both coins and stamps. There were also many outstanding exhibits, Camp said, ranging from ancient Roman gold to modern wooden nickels of Illinois.

Bidding was spirited at an auction held in conjunction with the show, and the auction room was filled to capacity. Lincoln cents, silver dollars and Proof sets all sold well.

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Calumet Numismatists Hold Annual Banquet

A capacity crowd of 60 enthusiastic members and guests thronged the Jockey Club in East Chicago, Ind., Sept. 16 for the annual banquet of the Calumet Numismatic Club, reports the group's president, Ann Pridala.

The banquet is a yearly highlight of the Calumet Numismatic Club, which prides inself on being the oldest coin club in Indiana. Traditionally, the get-together attracts members of nearby clubs in the metropolitan Chicago, Ill.-Gary, Ind. area, and the 1977 banquet saw representatives of a dozen clubs enjoying such a visit.

The Calumet members also regard their club as a numismatic organization of the old school, and members' exhibits at both banquet and regular meetings are a steady feature. Among subjects for banquet exhibit were love tokens, New Zealand coinage by noted specialist Andrew Oberbillig, and Silver Jubilee coins by Clyde Hand.

Much discussed by those present was the club's Patrick Mint token, commemorating the group's founding in 1939, which was offered at 50 cents

each, plus stamped, self-addressed envelope to collectors as a highly successful fund-raising device for the group.

Featured speaker was David T. Alexander, Coin World's international editor. Alexander was introduced along with his fiancee, Patricia Ann French, by club President Pridala; he presented a slide lecture on "Numismatics as Propaganda," an historical review of coins, medals and tokens of a political nature since 1688.

Included are coins and medals of the British Jacobite pretenders, French and Spanish claimants to the thrones, as well as modern governments-in-exile and related agencies. In place of the standard plaque, the club gave the speaker a small ceramic porcelain figure of a coin collector working on his collection, an import suggested by Chicago collector Oberbillig.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Alexander was made life member of the Calumet Numismatic Club; drawing of prizes ended the meeting.

The Calumet Numismatic Club meets at Germano Hall, Euclid and Broadway in East Chicago on the third Wednesday of each month.

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found authority for substitution of the cent material was never used.

Actually the Congress will start to look into the problem of coinage in February of 1978. It is believed that the hearings will conclude with a decisive change of the coinage system.

A complete change, or any change, will not be final. It would seem that this new coinage, if it comes about, will be an interim selection with more changes following in close order.

The government, the hobby, the banking system, the vending business and other such groups will pull the rope toward their own end and the result will be vacillation on the part of the law makers.

If anyone doubts this might happen they should read their coinage history of the 2c, 3c, 20c and $1 coins. They could also take a look at ideas promoted for the use of coinage materials.

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